

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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| For: FILM-FORMING APPARATUS COMPONENT AND METHOD FOR CLEANING SAME | |

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 19, 2010, which has been received and carefully noted, the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claim 6 is pending in this application, and claims 3 and 4 stand withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Deo during the telephone conference held September 27, 2010, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the conference as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.